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SUBJECT: U.S. PROPOSAL FOR COMMON CODE FOR FIRMS OPERATING IN
SOUTH AFRICA

REF: A) STATE 4226, B) THE HAGUE 149 (NOTAL)

1. CHIEF OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN
BUREAU, L.P. VAN VLIET, TOLD US JANUARY 18 THAT HE HAD ONLY
ONE REPORT FROM THE DUTCH OECD MISSION REGARDING THE U.S.
PROPOSAL FOR A COMMON CODE, AND THAT COVERED THE NOVEMBER 24
HEADS OF DELEGATION MEETING. HE WAS UNAWARE OF REQUEST OUR
DELEGATE MADE TO DUTCH DELEGATE AT INFORMAL WORKING LUNCH
DECEMBER 5 TO RESPOND PROMPTLY.

2. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, VAN VLIET SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT
INSOFAR AS THE U.S. PROPOSAL SEEMED TO CALL FOR A SOFTENING
OF THE EC LANGUAGE ON COMPANY REPORTING IT WOULD REPRESENT A
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STEP BACKWARD. HE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO A COMMON CODE WERE THIS
NOT THE CASE. IN ANY EVENT, HE FAILED TO UNDERSTAND THE U.S.
BELIEF THAT THE EC CODE WAS COMPULSORY. HE CHARACTERIZED
THE LANGUAGE OF THE RELEVANT SECTIONS ON REPORTING AND SOUTH
AFRICAN LAWS AS SIMPLY HORTATORY.

3. VAN VLIET RECOMMENDED THAT FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OF THE U.S.

PROPOSAL BE HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WITH THE APPROPRIATE FOREIGN MISSIONS IN WASHINGTON. THIS WOULD AVOID ASSOCIATING THE OECD WITH THE MATTER (AND, WE PRESUME, MAKE SURE THAT IN THE FUTURE THE REPORTS ARE NOT LOST BETWEEN THE MINISTRY'S OECD BUREAU AND VAN VLIET'S).
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